GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1624
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Conference of Heads of Missions
Biswas Shri Radheshyam

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has convened any Conference of Heads of Missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether bilateral relations, FDI and Foreign Policies have been discussed in the said conference; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. Heads of Missions Conference is an annual event in the Ministry of External Affairs. This year it was organised from 4-7 May 2017. The theme of the Conference was "Effective Diplomacy, Excellent Delivery".

(c) & (d) The annual Heads of Missions Conference offers an opportunity to discuss the government's foreign policy priorities with our Ambassadors and High Commissioners, to take stock of the situation on the ground, and to discuss the contours of our engagement. As such, the discussions are wide-ranging and include topics such as bilateral relations, increasing FDI inflows into our country by identifying opportunities in the areas of trade, investments and infrastructure, consular issues, Diaspora issues etc.